

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1178

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to commend Holly Leigh Barnard for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Holly Leigh Barnard is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Kyle; Holly's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born and raised in Cookeville, Ms. Barnard is a graduate of Cookeville High School where she was a four-year member of the Varsity Cheerleading team, serving as Captain her Senior year; and

WHEREAS, during her years at Cookeville High where she maintained a 3.95 grade point average, Ms. Barnard was the 2001 Homecoming Queen, a 2000 UCA All-Star Cheerleader and had the honor of marching as a participant in the 2000 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in numerous clubs and organizations, Holly was a member of the Track team, the Cookeville High Show Choir, Tennessee Tomorrow, Pep Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Junior States of America Club, and Sisters in Christ Club, in addition to serving as Senior Class Representative on the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnard was a recipient of a University of Tennessee Trustee Scholarship and enrolled at the College of Arts and Science at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where she quickly displayed her academic prowess by making the Dean's List during both the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 semesters; and

WHEREAS, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, at UTK Holly also joined the UT volunteer program, "TeamVOLS" and participated in weekly volunteer activities for such groups

as the Boys and Girls Clubs and Special Olympics; she also displayed her devotion to service to others as a member of Young Life Christian ministry, working as a volunteer leader through their QUEST program; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Middle Tennessee State University where she is highly regarded by her peers, Holly Leigh Barnard has continued her academic success, having been named to the Dean's List continuously through the Spring of 2004; and

WHEREAS, a projected May 2005 graduate, Holly Barnard is pursuing a degree in Public Relations through the MTSU College of Communications with the goal of becoming a Public/Community Relations coordinator within the sports and entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, a young lady who selflessly gives of her time and talents to numerous charitable organizations and events, Holly has served as a volunteer for the Meharry Medical School Blood Drive, Boys and Girls Club Community Day, Metro Center Women's Shelter, Robertson County Safety Day, Toys for Tots Drive, MS Walk, Shriners Harley Event and Westwood Elementary Back to School Event and others across the region; and

WHEREAS, an enterprising individual, Ms. Barnard is presently employed as a Salesperson with Celebration's Bridal Boutique, in addition to serving as a model for the Atlanta Apparel Mart, as cart personnel at the Legends Golf Course, and since April of 2002 as a Tennessee Titans cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Holly Barnard brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Holly Leigh Barnard has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary intern and gracious person, Ms. Barnard was selected by her fellow interns as the "Friendliest Intern" among the Intern Class of 2004, and are positive that she will achieve her goal of working in sports broadcasting as host of Monday Night Football; and

WHEREAS, Holly Leigh Barnard is most thankful for the love and support she receives from her very proud parents, Dr. Vaughn Barnard and Sharon Randolph; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnard has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum and such an exemplary individual should be rightfully acknowledged and thanked by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Holly Leigh Barnard for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Kyle and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.